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**Richland County Public Library Trustee Presented with
South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators Award**
Noble P. Cooper wins Margie Herron Outstanding Library Trustee Award

Noble P. Cooper, Jr., a member of the Richland County Public Library Board of Trustees, was recently awarded the South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators Margie Herron Outstanding Library Trustee Award. He was honored at the 8th Annual South Carolina Public Library Trustee Institute on January 28, 2006.

Dr. Cooper, a dentist, was appointed to the Richland County Public Library Board of Trustees in 1995 and has served as chairperson and secretary and is currently serving as vice chair. He has also served on the boards of Richland County Children's Clinic, The Nurturing Center, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Richland School District One Technology Advisory Committee, and Midland Technical College Foundation.

Dr. Cooper has been a strong advocate of public libraries at national conferences, statewide training offered by the State Library, and other South Carolina county libraries. He is a vocal advocate for the impact public libraries have on the community and each individual who uses the public library.

Dr. Cooper considers himself to be a true product of the Richland County Public Library. As a child, Dr. Cooper spent most Saturdays at RCPL and participated in the Summer Reading Club each year. He wrote in a recent editorial piece in support of funding for RCPL, "...While my early memories of the library are fond ones, I know firsthand how far we've come. It is exciting to see all the opportunities that my children – and everyone in the community – have available because of RCPL."